

# River Thames

## Key Vocabulary

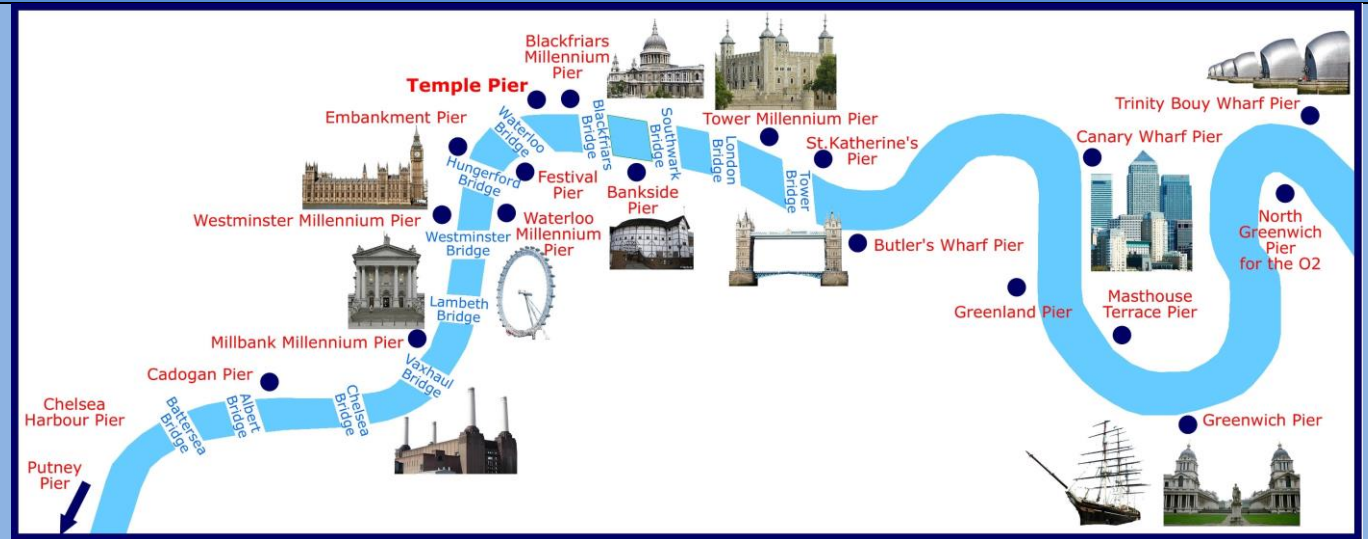
**Current-** The flow of the water in the river

**Erosion-** Where earthen materials are worn away and transported by natural forces such as wind or water

**Flood barrier-** A barrier forming a dam to protect a flood-prone area

**Meander-** A bend in the river

**Mouth-** Where a river flows into a larger body of water



## Quote

"The Thames was beautiful, dark, and swift beneath the billion yellow and white lights of the city..."

— Charles Finch, *The Last Enchantments*

## Key Facts

- The Thames is over 200 miles long
- It is the second longest river in the United Kingdom
- The Thames used to freeze up in winter
- The Thames is home to the first underwater tunnel
- Two thirds of London's drinking water comes from the Thames
- There are 200 bridges crossing the river